

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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OVERCHARGING CASES OF DRUG COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has referred several overcharging cases of drug companies to various States for recovering the excess amount charged by them;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government is working jointly with State Governments for recovering the amount overcharged by certain companies on medicines from consumers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d) Till 30th June 2009 National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has forwarded the cases of defaulting firms to various District Collectors for initiation of recovery proceedings for realization of a total overcharged amount of Rs. 147.06 crore from concerned pharmaceutical companies. Of this, Rs. 53.74 crore has been realized till 30th June, 09. The balance of Rs. 93.32 crore yet to be realized. The list of such cases is available on the website of NPPA i.e. www.nppaindia.nic.in. A copy of the same is enclosed as Annexure. Apart from other monitoring mechanisms NPPA also initiates action for overcharging based on complaints from State Drug Controllers (SDCs).